

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Room 34, the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a silent moment of prayer and reflection. Meeting is Recorded.

Present: Chairman Paul Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, and Michael J. Lyons. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman Allan D. Howard

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – P.H., E.W. Development, LLC, 70 Endicott Street:

Application for a VIF License for storage of propane.

David Hern, Jr. Esquire, Cheney & Hern LLC, 470 Washington Street:

Submitting withdrawal of request for VIF License as they have entered into an agreement with National Grid for installation of natural gas for the Endicott Wood development. Also enclosing copy of notice cancelling this hearing to the abutters. Chairman Bishop said this has been withdrawn as National Grid has agreed to put gas in for this project.

7:15: P.M. – Veterans' Agent Ted Mulvehill & Charles Duquette, Employment and Training Resources Veterans Services Representative.

Chairman Bishop explained that Mr. Mulvehill and Mr. Duquette were scheduled to discuss employment and training opportunities for veterans and the working relationship between the Department of Veterans' services and the Office of Employment and Training, however, due to a scheduling conflict, this appointment will be rescheduled.

New Business

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the following policies which will become effective March 1, 2016-departmental cash receipts and turnover policy, procedures for handling petty cash and policy for reimbursement of expenses.

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to cancel meeting on March 15. There are 5 Tuesdays in March 1, 8,15,22,29.

Jill Reddish, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file, pursuant to MGL C 166A, §10, Annual Complaint Filing and Form 500.

Carol MacLeay, President, Norwood League of Women Voters:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to use Memorial Hall on Monday evening, March 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for Candidates Night and waive the fee.

Barbara Hopcroft, Norwood Evening Garden Club:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to place sandwich board signs; one downtown and one at the Nichols Street rotary at the high school to promote the 12th Annual Art in Bloom at the George H. Morse House, on April 9 and 10.

Frances Downey, 41 Will Drive, Canton, Norwood Art Association:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request to use the Town Common on Saturday, June 11, 2016 for their Annual Art in the Park with a rain date of Sunday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are asking the DPW to deliver the panels to the Town Common on Saturday at 8 a.m. and pick them up at 3:30 p.m. or the same hours on the rain date.

Rick Colon, Mass DOT:

Submitting flyers announcing a new Complete Streets Funding Program which have been forwarded to Manager John Carroll and Supt. Mark Ryan. The Manager said Assistant Town Engineer Andy Murphy is attending the workshops on this to gather information and the Town will apply for a grant. Selectman Donohue asked if this would include sidewalks. Mr. Carroll said he would find out.

Dr. Michael Crowley, Norwood High School:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted the usual regarding the following notice: the Norwood High School InvenTeam will show the community their progress on creating a model of their retractable snow awning on February 22, 2016 in the G.S.U Lecture Hall at NHS in Room 235 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP if you are able to attend. Chairman Bishop will attend.

Car Wash Requests:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve:
NHS Field Hockey, Saturday, May 7, 2016.
NHS Girls Ice Hockey, Saturday, July 9, 2016.
NHS Girls Volleyball, Saturday, August 20, 2016.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file Goals & Objectives.

Unfinished Business

Registered Marijuana Dispensary License Application:

Selectman Plasko explained that the Town's by-law requires that prospective dispensaries apply for a license. Town Counsel has drafted an application, which is pretty routine. There is some question as to what to charge for the application fee and what to charge annually for the license. Selectman Plasko is proposing an initial application fee of \$300.00, an annual license fee of \$10,000.00 and an annual renewal application fee of \$150.00. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept the recommended application and fee structure.

Memoranda

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file building report for the month of January 2016.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Donohue

High School basketball court dedication

January 8, dedication of high school basketball court to Ken Ouellette. He was a teacher at the high school in the 60's and helped so many people. He helped many people get into college.

Ed Hickey-Norwood Gridiron Club

Gridiron banquet for Norwood Football Mustangs. It was a wonderful occasion.

Valentine's Day Events

Winter Concert Series

Last winter concert at high school, 2 p.m. Every lady will receive a special gift, compliments of the Chairman.

Honoring Veterans from Norwood

Morse House, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to honor veterans from Norwood. If you have pictures, please bring them. It is a nice way to share and show the pictures. There will be light refreshments.

Selectman Plasko

Article in the Norwood Record regarding rink project in town.

Selectman Plasko stated that regarding the article in the Record and as a member of the Skating Rink Committee and a representative of the Board of Selectmen, he found some of the information not as he understood it and wanted to clear things up. He said that the article sounded like the Town had stopped pursuing getting funding from the state and that is not a true representation. He said that at times progress has been discouraging and slow. We have had many discussions with the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to get the funding moving forward. It is very complicated. It is not inaccurate to say the rink project is dead in the water. The Town was told to wait until the end of March when the State gets to the next step of its budget when it gets to capital programs and bonding, etc. The committee is inactive at the moment because they have completed the design, etc. but is still working earnestly to accomplish this project that the Town has supported. The same article stated that Town officials are keeping things secret concerning the Skating Club of Boston. That is anything but the truth. Companies who come to Town whether it is a skating club or large company they want the information kept confidential until they know they are one hundred percent committed to coming to the Town. The Skating Club of Boston is working with the Town and they have been asked by several people to work hard to make ice time available and to serve the town of Norwood youth hockey needs and they have repeatedly told us that it couldn't be done. Most recently they had a change of heart and have indicated that they have always wanted to work with the Town but for their own needs didn't see an opening but now maybe they could work with the Town and that they could possibly make time available to accommodate as much as eighty percent of the Town's hockey needs for a period of maybe 3 to 5 years-not a solution but a period of time until the Town might be able to get their own rink up and going. There are times, it is discouraging, but we have not been told no, we have been told to work with this.

Chairman Bishop

Skating Rink

Chairman Bishop said that late this afternoon he received a call from the State House with an update on two issues. Number one was the skating rink and we will wait until after March and if there is no money at that time, we will try again in the next fiscal year. This Board has never attempted to disband the rink group.

South Norwood Liquor Licenses

The second item is on the four licenses which were approved for South Norwood by Town Meeting with the same restrictions as apply to the special uptown licenses. During the process along the way it went to one specific restaurant. It then went to the Senate with 4 approved for All Alcoholic Beverages which was not the liking of the Board. The State House was notified and it went back to the House for amendments. It has now been approved in the House for four Wine and Malt Beverages for South Norwood and should be on the Governor's desk by March 1.

Manager's Agenda

Recommending the Board accept a check for \$63,000 from Campanelli for Prospect St./Upland Rd intersection design.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons to accept under Chapter 44, § 53 A and place in a donation account the third of four payments the Town will receive from Campanelli for design of the intersection of Upland Road and Prospect Street. Selectman Plasko said Campanelli is obligated to make land available to the town for the widening, and that could be addressed now. The Manager said he would talk to Mr. Ryan. Selectman Donohue asked about the involvement of the people of the neighborhood. The Manager said abutters have been at many meeting and will receive notification of the meetings. They have had meetings at the Civic and it has been a long process. They will have another meeting and they have extended the area of notice.

Recommending the Board accept a check for \$23,633.59 from Campanelli for I/I.

The Manager said this is for I/I work. They are obligated to pay a total of \$172,000 to the town in stages to eliminate I and I into our sewer system. We are holding the sewerage back from that development in big storms so that it will not affect the people down below in the Codman Road area. Selectman Donohue asked if the sewerage would be held in underground tanks. Selectman Plasko asked if this is for specific project . The manager said it is not. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept under Chapter 44, § 53 A .

Recommending the Board accept a gift of a jump starter from Norwood Tire.

Selectman Donohue thanked al Fiske and all those at Norwood Tire. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept the gift and send a thank you letter to Norwood Tire.

Response to Mrs. Donohue's concern. Contractors storing equipment and materials behind Babels will stop.

The Manager spoke to Mr. Ryan about contractors storing equipment in Babel's lot and they will do it at the land fill in the future.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:27 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant